Sri R. NAGAN GOUDA.—The sugarcane cess fund has been abolished and the Government is collecting purchase tax at the rate of 15 per cent from all the cane that has been sent to the factories, and as a result, this year in Hospet area alone they have got an income of Rs. 24 lakhs during the last 4 months, and the Central Government has got an income of Rs. 60 lakhs. Since there is very heavy traffic on this road, may I request the Hon'ble Minister to provide adequate sum for the coming year?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It is true that the condition of the roads in that area is not good. We require huge sums to maintain those roads and also to bring them to a good condition. I do not know about the budgetary position for the current year, *i.e.*, 1968-69, but as suggested by the Hon'ble Member I shall see that some more funds are made available to that area.

Merger of Village Panchayats in Belgaum Municipality

417. Sri BT B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Village Panchayats merged in Belgaum Municipality and when;

(*b*) the number of servants from those Village Panchayats absorbed in Belgaum Municipality;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that these servants are not paid since the merger;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that these Panchayats were not willing to merge?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies) [On behalf of Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration)].—

(*a*) Three entire Panchayats and parts of three others. The merger came into effect from 25th October 1967.

(*b*) 20.

(*c*) The staff has since been paid by the Municipality with effect from 1st November 1967.

(*d*) No.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know the names of the villages which are merged in Belgaum Municipality?

Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—Angol Vadgaon, Madhavapur and Majgaon.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—In answer to (*a*) it is stated that three entire Panchayats and parts of three others have been merged in Belgaum City. But the Hon'ble Minister was pleased to state that 4 villages have been merged. May I know which is correct ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Four villages are correct, because regarding Angol there was some delay from the Chairman of the Panchayat.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether the part of Vadagaon village and Madhavapur village have been merged in Belgaum City ? If so, may I also know why only part of Madhavapur and Vadagaon has been merged and not the whole portion of the villages, Sir ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Whatever portion was necessary, has been included and if the other portions also are found necessary that could also be included.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether there was a proposal to merge 2 villages situated round about Belgaum City, in the Municipal Corporation ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is no such proposal.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether it is not a fact that Vadagaon and Madhavapur villages are the lungs of Belgaum City and these villages have to be immediately merged ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—This is absolutely wrong. The suggestions to include the areas were made by the Chairman of the Panchayat and they were not included on your suggestions.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether it is not a fact that the salary of the servant was not paid up to 16th February 1968 and only after representation to the Divisional Commissioner the salary was paid to the servant and not before that ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—From the date of absorption of the Government servant working there, salary was paid by the Municipality and for whatever happened before, the Municipality is not responsible.

Compensation to the lands acquired for the construction of godown in Shorapur.

418. Sri RAJA PID NAIK (Shorapur).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the land bearing S. No. 13-2 was acquired by the Government for the construction of Godown in Shorapur, Gulbarga District ;

(*b*) whether compensation has been paid for the land acquired ;

(*c*) if not the reasons for such long delay in giving award and compensation ?